

SWISS SHOW WAY TO RATION NATION AND SAVE ITS FOOD

Every Man, Woman and Child
and All Visitors Eat
by Card.

By William Philip Simms.
BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 11
(United Press).—If Allied countries
had adopted the Swiss system of ra-
tioning a year and a half ago, the
present problem of tonnage would
scarcely exist.

Just after my train crossed the
frontier it pulled into the station at
Geneva. A gendarme handed me a
bread card with 25 and 50-gram com-
pounds attached, good for 450 grams of
bread—the ration for two days.

This was the temporary card. With
it was a printed slip calling attention
to the police regulation that every
one must register at the City Hall
wherever he stops within twenty-four
hours after his arrival in Switzerland.

When you register you leave your

passport on deposit and in its place
you are given a "control card" and
a permanent bread ticket containing
coupons for 25 grams of bread daily
for the remainder of the month.

Every man, woman or child in Swit-
zerland has his or her bread ticket.
It is good all over the country.

At the end of your stay you re-
deem your passport by turning in the
"control card." However, you do not
yield the bread ticket until you take
the train to cross the border. Noth-
ing could be more complete than the
Swiss system of bread rationing.

If you "keep house," other neces-
sities are to be had in much the same
way as bread.

A universal ration book has been
devised by the prefect of police at
Geneva, which will probably become
the national book. Each leaf is di-
vided into numbered and lettered
squares. For instance, the first leaf
is pink, the squares are numbered 1
to 50 and lettered with an "A." The
second is yellow, similarly numbered
and stamped with a "B," and so on.

Some of these leaves are already in
use, representing milk, butter, lard,
sugar, cheese, etc. The remainder are
in reserve, and at any time the can-
ton at Geneva thinks it wise to ration
its inhabitants on anything all that
is necessary is to announce in the
space reserved in newspapers for ra-
tion announcements.

"Beginning such and such a date
the gray leaf will regulate the choco-
late ration. Coupon No. 1, series 'G,'
may be exchanged on that day for so
much chocolate per head."

In the direness of her needs, little
neutral Switzerland may yet solve the
rationing problems for the warring
nations.

PHONE STRIKE AVERTED.

New England Operators Granted
Wage Increases.

BOSTON, March 7.—A strike called
for to-morrow morning by telephone
operators in many New England cities
outside of Boston has been averted by
a settlement, under which the New En-
gland Telephone and Telegraph Company
granted wage increases which in some
cases met the full demands of the em-
ployees.

Exchanges in fourteen cities in
Massachusetts, Maine and New Hamp-
shire will be classified with those in the
Boston District, and the operators will
receive the same pay. \$5 a week for be-
ginners and a maximum of \$14 for those
in service seven years or more. Four
cities were given a classification under
which the maximum pay would be \$14.50
and smaller exchanges were given pro-
portionate wage advances.

NO PHONE STRIKE, HE SAYS.

In response to a rumor that all tele-
phone employees in the five boroughs of
this city, Long Island, Westchester
County and New Jersey have been

FRIEDA HEMPEL TO WED WILLIAM B. KAHN, HEAD OF SILK COMPANY HERE



FRIEDA HEMPEL, OPERA SINGER.

LOS ANGELES, March 7.—Frieda
Hempel, opera singer, announced her
engagement here to-day to William
B. Kahn, President of the Interna-
tional Silk Company, with headquar-
ters in New York City. She said the
marriage will take place soon, possi-
bly in California. Mr. Kahn is here.

William B. Kahn is President of the
International Silk Company, with
offices at No. 95 Madison Avenue and
residence at No. 128 East 74th Street.

unfused and threaten to strike unless
they are paid more money, a general
officer of the New York Telephone Com-
pany has issued the following state-
ment:

"The report that appeared in one of
the afternoon newspapers of labor
troubles among employees of the New
York Telephone Company is entirely
without foundation."

Stanley Mastbaum, Theatrical Man.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Stanley
V. Mastbaum, head of the Stanley
Booking Corporation, the Stanley Com-
pany and the Stanley Theatre, and
one of the leading theatrical men of
this city, died here early to-day. He
was part owner of the Portland, Maine,
Baseball Club.

PRESS AIDS INVESTIGATION INTO COST OF LIVING

More Than 800 Newspapers Called
on to Furnish Data on Rise
in Prices.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The most
extensive investigation into living costs
ever undertaken in this country has
been made by the Railroad Wage Com-
mission in its search for information on
which to base recommendations for
wage increases.

More than 800 newspapers and every
Chamber of Commerce in the United
States were called on by the commis-
sion to furnish data on the rise in
prices.

Reports from newspapers were rail-
roaded, at the commission's request, by
trained newspaper men, who were in-
structed to visit families with incomes
of \$2,000 and less and ascertain how
much they were spending for food and
clothes now as compared with 1915.

Identified accounts were obtained as to
what was done with the money re-
ceived by the wage earners.

"The result was astonishing," Secretary
Lane, Chairman, said to-day. "We
found some families saving money on
incomes of \$800 a year."

Mr. Lane said the request for infor-

CONFERENCE ON MERGER OF SECRET SERVICE

Heads of Department Agencies
Pushing Plan for United
Action.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—At a con-
ference in the Department of Justice
to-day the various secret service
agencies of the Government were re-
presented—the department's Bureau of
Investigation, the Intelligence Bu-
reau of the Army, Navy and State
Departments, and the Treasury De-
partment's Customs Bureau Service.

Since the publication of the inten-
tion of the Government to place these
agencies under one head, telegrams
and resolutions advocating a merger
of the investigation work have been
received from many civic and com-
mercial organizations.

The representatives of the various
departments discussed particular
phases of espionage cases in which
they are interested, and obtained sug-

"VILLAGERS" GET NO SHOCK.

"Romany Marie" and Husband Let
Case Go to Special Sessions.

Much scandal—or, as it is known in the
village, "dirt"—was expected by the
crowd when "Romany Marie" Merchand
and her husband, Arnold, were arraigned
before Magistrate M. Green in Jefferson
Market Court on the charge that their
holocaustic resort at No. 74 Washington
Place was disorderly.

But Marie with the huge earrings and
Arnold with the picturesque gray im-
perial disheveled all the bonhomies
who flocked to the court room by waving
examination and allowing the case to
be "set down," as the saying is. They
will be heard by the Court of Special
Sessions when that tribunal gets around
to them.

U. S. Finds Work for Women.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Establi-
shment of thirteen employment offices de-
voted to obtaining positions for women
and girls was announced to-day by the
United States Employment Service. The
divisions are in principal cities and will
handle all employment except that for
teachers, who are referred to the Chi-
cago office for registration.

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